Owners of Jet Airways

†3648. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have information regarding the owners of Jet Airways, an aviation company in the country;

(b) whether Government have failed to identify the actual owners of Jet Airways even after a lot of efforts made in this regard for the last three years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) As per the information available in the Ministry of Civil Aviation M/s Jet Airways is an Indian company incorporated and registered in India under the Companies Act, 1956. The company is owned 100% by a Non Resident Indian/the Overseas Corporate Body company namely, Tailwinds, which is owned by Shri Narcsh Goyal, an Indian citizen and a NRI.

Permanent Chiefs in PSU's under the Ministry of Civil Aviation

3649. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all PSUs like AI, Airports Authority, Pawan Hans and Alliance Air under the Ministry of Civil Aviation is running with temporary chiefs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to appoint permanent chiefs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) At present, the posts of Managing Director (MD), Air India Ltd., Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), Indian Airlines Ltd., Chairman, Airports Authority of India and Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. are being held by officers on officiating basis/ additional charge due to superannuation/completion of tenure/ promotion of the previous incumbents.

(c) and (d) To expedite selection for the posts of CMD, Indian Airlines Ltd. and CMD, Air India Ltd., a request has been made to the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions to obtain permission of the Government for selection through a "Search Committee" under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary with Chairman (PESB) and Secretary (CA) as members.

For expeditious selection to the posts of Chairman, Airports Authority of India, PESB has been requested to constitute itself into a "Search Committee".

To fill up the posts of CMD, PHHL and Member (Operations), AAI action has already been initiated in consultation with PESB.

Air service from Bhopal to Jeddah

† 3650. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the State capitals from where Government have provided facility of direct air services upto Jeddah for the Haj Pilgrims at present;

(b) the names of the other State Capitals from where Government have received representations to provide the said services and the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to provide direct air services from Bhopal to Jeddah; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

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